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The Three
Famous Conjurers.

C H A P. I.

Declaring the Birth of Bacon, with his great
desire to Learning: also how he became
a Fryer first.

A English Fryer monke, of
his Learning, Skill, and fame,
of whose Intende now to declare,
And Bacon was his Name:
Farmers then he was by Birth,
as true report hath say:
Within the West of England born,
whose Name lieth to this day:
his Father put him soon to school
to the Parson of the Town,
and he to Learning was so prone
that he put his Master down:
he had a great desire then
to Oxford so; to go,

The late Famous Conjuror
But thraight his Father in a rage,
said it should not be so,
Quoth he you have Learning enough,
you shall to Plow and Cart,
I tell you plain, you study shall
no more the Scholars art:
His Son at this stood mute a while,
and not a word did say,
But watcht the opportunity
and from him ran his way.
Unto a Cloister did he go,
where Fryers did remain,
When he to them reveal'd his mind,
they did him entertain.
In short time he for learning did
all others far excell,
And bore the same with excellent wit,
from all that there did dwell.
His learning quickly spread abroad,
from Oxford they did send
That Bacon should depart with speed,
to teach them his skill to spend.
Then did he halt, and learning gain'd,
and liv'd at Brazen-Nose,
So was the Colledge call'd, and is
as I shall here disclose.

CHAP.

CHAP. II.

Declaring how the King sent for Fryer Bacon, and he fed his five senses with strange varieties; and also how he made a brazen head.

HE had not long at Oxford, but Fame his worth did ring so far abroad, that at the last, it came to England's King. Who sent for Bacon in great haste, that he might see his skill. The Fryer he with willing heart did straight obey his will. Then quoth the King, thou welcome art, thou man of wondrous fame, whose powerful soul hath gain'd on earth an everlasting name. Now shew to us some of thy art, that lies within thy power. Quoth Bacon, I'm at your command, both now and hereafter.

Then washing of his hand about,
Sweet speech they did bear,
Thus first he Betwixt his mighty shill
to feast his listening ear:
A Table furnish'd with rare Meats
he likewise did present,
Whereof his Majesty did eat,
which gave him great content.
The third time washing of his hand,
Sweet odoriferous smells
To please his scent; then said the King
that all perfumes exceed.
Then he did raise the Anticks straight
to give the eye content,
Which danced there in several train
in pleasing merriment;
Then did he raise strange Nations too
who to the King presents
All sorts of Fruits as might be seen,
which much his mind content;
Thus did he please his Majesty
wishing him long to live:
The King then to requite his love
did him a Jewel give.
Leave being taken Bacon his
to Oxford with all speed,

And there bepleas'd to see
 as you, for such babe, and high
 The babe being from a place
 just by the under-bosom of
 the English king that should
 one night within the forest
 and glad to see him
 and glad to see him
 and glad to see him

CHAP. III

How Lacy Earl of Lincoln was sent by Prince
 Edward to fair Margaret of Harlstone
 and how Lacy woo'd for himself and how
 Bacon, Buck, Fryer, Bony, and

Suffolk, albeit a beautiful man,
 Fair Margaret call'd by name,
 whose modesty was spread abroad
 through England by the king's
 Prince Edward hearing of her worth
 the Earl of Lincoln sent
 to gain fair Margaret for his wife
 if that she gave consent
 when Lacy came unto the
 that was to marry and to

The dulle Ramona Conquerer.

He was enamoured in her face,
Cupid had wrought the right,
As he forgot Prince Edward clean,
and for himself did sue
For love unto this beautiful maid,
probing to the Prince's heart
Quoth he, Fair Margaret lovely one,
I grant to me thy love,
And Lincoln's Countess thou shalt be,
besides I'll faithful prove.
He then could not say the Earl nay,
but thereto gave consent:
Then Fryer Bongy was the man
would wed them incontinent.
But mark how things contrarily
were brought by Fate to pass,
Prince Edward he at Oxford was,
where Bacon in a glass
By Magick skill did show the Prince
how they were hand in hand;
And Bongy reading in his Book
to see a fawning band
Of Marriages set betwixt the two,
which Bacon did present,
And by his charms struck Bongy dumb
and then a spirit sent,

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To fetch him straight from Harlowe,
to Oxford with all speed,

The Spirit flew as swift as air,
for to perform this deed.

His being done, Prince Edward then
did haste to Harlowe,

To be rehing'd of Lacy straight,
by his destruction.

But they both kneel'd before the Prince,
and did beseech his Grace

Not for to seek to cross their loves,
which time could not deface.

He was amaze'd for to behold
their faithful constancie,

And gave content with willing heart,
that they should be wedded be,

which was perform'd in Royal state,
with mirth and jollity.

Margaret a Countess was made,
for her true modesty.

CHAP.

CHAP. IV.

Expressing how Frederick the Emperour
came into England and brought Jaques
Vandermast with him, how he disputed
with Bongy, and also how Bacon com-
manded his own spirit to carry him away.

The Emperour was receiv'd in State
by Henry our King,

Who having frasted him at Court,
to Oxford both him bring,

That Vandermast, so fam'd for Art,
might here hold some dispute

With our brave English Scholars there
whom Bongy did salute,

And rais'd before the Noble Trees,
straight the Hesperian tree

With golden Apples on the same,
this by his Art did be.

This tree was by a Serpent kept,
wh'ch he by skill did raise;

Then Vandermast call'd Hercules,
wh'ch straight his Spell obeys,

And

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And took the Apples from the tree :
which Bony did disgrace,
That he no more of skill could shew,
wiltless Jaques won in place.
Then comes out Bacon to the room,
to him did J. ques say,
Come Fryer, shall we hold dispute?
but Bacon answered, nay,
I will not hold dispute, quoth he,
with one so weak of wit
yet for the heat that thou hast borne,
I will thee bravely do :
Bacon commanded the Spirit straight
which Vandermast did take,
To hear the German home with speed,
using no more delation.
He takes the German on his back,
and from that place did fly
with Vandermast, with great disgrace,
with speed to Germany.
Thus Bacon did preserve his name,
and pleased Englands King,
His powerful art in every place,
did stifle roughs & runciveling.

CHAP.

And

CHAP. V.

How Miles Bacon's man watcht the bray
head, and how it shook and was destroy
ed, and how Bacon left England.

BOagy and Bacon having watcht, un
derneath the frozen head, the frozen
head with mighty pain,
and blinning both their sight.
Then Bacon sent his servant Miles
to the frozen head to keep him
in a study for an hour
he laid him down to sleep
Miles with his staff, Bacon with a
long sword and candle-light
did come to keep the frozen head
that was to speak that night.
He sung to keep himself awake
and on his pipes did play
At last the head began to speak,
and these two words did say:
(Time is) along he roared it out,
quoth Miles, thou whozon Miller,

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Had thou been studying three score nineties
and yet canst speak no better?



Then he began to stir the reed,
in scolding foul disdain,

Saying his master had bestowed
his labour all in vain.

When as the deed a second time,
spoke thus and said (time was,)

Quoth Miles thou great foul bottle-nose,
I think thou art an Ass:

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I will not raise my Master yet,
for all the noise you keep;
Unless you wiser words do speak,
my Master still shall sleep.
Time's past, then said the dead to him,
and therewith down it falls,
Then in all haste when 'twas too late
he to his Master calls.
A fearful noise of thundring
was heard within that place,
Then hie he was heyes so,
and rais'd against his birth,
Saying there's nothing permanent
beneath the Heavens on Earth:
So Bongy he did gibe his Books,
to travel he is bent.
The loss of his Hazen Head,
with tears he did lament.

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CHAP. VI.

Declaring how Bacon preserved fair Marger
ret from Prince Otho's lust, and how he
conveyed the wife of Vandermaest to the
Princes bed.

NOW Bacon having left the Land,
arrived in Germany,
where Prince Edward there abode,
to his ability.

The Lincoln Countess being there,
Lord Lacies bears delight.

Prince Otho fell in love with her,
and did contrive that night

With Vandermaest, that he by art
should bring her to his bed,

And so to wrong her chastity,
and hohn Lord Lacies dead.

When Bacon did perceive by art,
what Vandermaest would do,

He turn'd the game upon his head,
unto his grief and woe:

Instead of traitorous Margarer,
he caus'd the spirit to bring!

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Poor Vandermaff tosse to the Prince,
whitch Jaques head did ring,
He in the morning rose betimes,
unto the Prince he came,
To give him joy of his night's rest,
but found unto his shame
His tosse within the Princes arms
in his lascivious bed,
Thus Bacon by his Spanish charms,
hid born the German's head.
Thus Margaret was preferred safe,
The Prince by this comforted,
And Vandermaff was sore perplexed,
and very heavy hearted.
He call'd unto the Devil, to know
the cause of his mistake,
Who told him Bacon by his art
did force him so to take
His wife instead of Margaret,
whitch he durst not deny,
Then Vandermaff chooze for revenge,
his wit once more to try.

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How Vanderhoff accused the Prince and
the English Lords of Treachery, and how
Bacon cleared them, and disgraced Vanderhoff.

Then Vanderhoff in pouring hate
unto the Emperor, Prince
and both counsellors of England, Prince
and his true noble friends,
saith he my Lord may have a care
how you the English treat
for they have prob^{ly} in their past years
disloyal and untrue
they have conspired with the
and plotted by the
whereby they have sought your
your honour and renown.
The Emperor saith then to that
the Prince for that should be
Lacy had plotted in the
by have false creatures.
Then they lay hands upon the Prince,
but Bacon straight kept in

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The Spanish art be clear'd the Prince
and did much credit win.
He shew'd the Emperoz in a glass
howe they the English danger
Courageously against the Turks
and for the honour sought
There might be see how they discomfite
and hazels did command:
And how the Lacy noble slay
the great Turk hand to hand.
Thus Bacon by his cunning skill
disgrac'd the German fo
As he quite lost the Emperors love
which all his heart much lov'd.
Then Bacon with the English Prince
did Germany for ever
And towards home and with all speed
their journey they did take
But Vandermast being pester'd
with a malicious spirit,
Did hang himself in bare grief
a death due for his merit.
Thus the German Conjurers
now how the case hath stand
Watch our own English Princes
look back to fair England.

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And you shall see them there command
the furious Flames of Hell,
Their deeds I'll shew; and how at last
these two great Fraters fell.



about the room within
Even hell shall look and gape
And how at last

CHAP. VIII.

How Bacon and Bongy raised the Spirit of
Rosamond, and how they dyed.

King Henry much desirous was
to see this wondrous sight,
which had bewitch'd his Father's heart
fair Rosamond the bright:
Those Conjurors to please him then,
their skill they needs must try,
And raise the ghost of Rosamond,
to speak the old deny.
Then Bongy said he must be so,
but Bacon did reply
He never yet did feed the Devil,
nor would he willingly.
Then Bongy bit his finger quick,
and gave her bread and blood,
Thus was the Devil fed to speak,
where Bacon sat withstood:
Then hell broke loose and Furies halht
about the room again,

Bongy

The three...
...the circle then, ...
...Debil was ...



...Bacon did command them all,
...his words say,
...of Rosamond
...to him his say:
...Bacon then did give content,
...to give food to the Devil,
...which no food shall everment;
...but end thy dates to evil.
...of ...

The three Famous Conjurers.

Foz bread shall be to thee like stone,
and wine shall be like milk,
This fate to thee is mon assign'd,
whiche cannot be withstood.
He call'd foz wine, and eke foz water,
and found her words too true,
That straight he broke his magick glass,
and then with tears his eyes
His former life, and burnt his books
and plaided foz to live,
Craving repentance from above,
his end now dawning nigh:
Now unto study he repairs
of bles Divinitie,
Confessing then with heavy heart
his former vanitie.
The King came foz to blis him
with many a noble peer,
But found the prisoner still
when they to him came nigh:
The holy Bible he imbrac'd
and did with tears
How letonly he did spend his hapday
in study before him
Now he unto his spouse
with this comfort now I have,

The three famous Conjurors.

Great Englands King Wall Bacon see
thus slide into his grave.
Then death did seize upon his life,
his soul from death did file,
Thus Bacon liv'd and for a truth
repenting did he die.
Thus you have heard his life and death,
and how he mastered Hell,
his faith was such that at his death
no surie durst expell.
Let's seek to mend our lives in time
and call for heavenly grace,
that by repentance we may gain
therein a dwelling place.

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